

House Resolution No. 1428

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Opal Eckert of Savannah, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of her Ninety-eighth Birthday with a special celebration on March 16, 2003, at LaVerna Village; and

Whereas, on March 19, 1905, God brought a special gift to this great nation with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Opal, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, Opal Eckert was born the same year that the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching was established, the National Audubon Society was founded, and German physicist Albert Einstein proposed his Special Theory of Relativity; and

Whereas, Opal Eckert served many years as a teacher in Northwest Missouri, where she was a principal in Pickering, an English/journalism teacher at Maryville High School for twenty-one years, and a journalism teacher and adviser at Northwest Missouri State University for nine years; and

Whereas, Opal Eckert has also enjoyed recognition as the author of several books and as a noted writer and collector of Nodaway County history; and

Whereas, Opal Eckert is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Opal Eckert at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Opal Eckert, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Lager
District No. 4

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1428, adopted April 7, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker